REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOOD, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR (Karnataka): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Food, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution (Thirteenth Lok Sabha) on Action Taken by the Government on the recommendations/observations contained in its Twenty-seventh Report on Sick Sugar Industry and Sugar Development Fund.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON RAILWAYS

SHRI ABANI ROY (West Bengal): Sir, I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Fourth Report of the Standing Comittee on Railways on 'Passenger Amenities'.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 13TH DECEMBER 2004

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): Sir, I beg to announce that the Government Business in the House for the week commencing 13th December, 2004 will consist of:

1. Consideration and Passing of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:-

   The Securities Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2004;

   The Enforcement of Security Interest and Recovery of Debts Laws Bill, 2004

2. Consideration and passing of the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions Bill, 2004, after it has been passed by Lok Sabha;

3. Consideration and return of the Appropriation (Railways) No. 4 Bill, 2004, as passed by Lok Sabha;

4. Consideration and return of the Appropriation Bill relation to Demands for Grant (General) for 2004-05 after it has been passed by Lok Sabha;

5. Consideration and return/passing of:-

The Central Excise Tariff (Amendment) Bill, 2004, as passed by Lok Sabha;

The Delegated Legislation Provisions (Amendment) Bill, 2004;

The Special Tribunal (Supplementary Provisions) Repeal Bill, 2004, after it has been passed by Lok Sabha;

6. Withdrawal of the Aquaculture Authority Bill, 2000;

7. Introduction, consideration and passing of the Coastal Aquaculture Authority Bill, 2004.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Special Mentions. Smt. Sarla Maheshwari.

Re. REQUEST FOR MAKING A STATEMENT ON FOREIGN POLICY

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA (Jharkhand): Sir, this is in continuation of the issue that I had raised on the other day in the House. I had suggested that the Prime Minister should come and make a statement on developments on Foreign Policy during the inter session period. Now, we have no information whatsoever from the Government when the Prime Minister is going to make a statement. In the meanwhile, the Secretary of Defence of the United States of America has visited India. Some very important discussions have been held with the Government. The issue of supply of U.S. arms...*(Interruptions)*... Sir, the issue of supply of U.S. arms to Pakistan is not a private business of this Government alone. It is a national issue. We learnt about it from the spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry to say something. But the Government does not consider it fit to come to Parliament, and take the Parliament into confidence. Important events are taking place and we learn it from newspapers, and there has not been a single occasion on which the Government has found it fit to come to House, to take the House into confidence, to take Parliament into confidence, and let the Members know what is that that they are going to discuss ...*(Interruptions)*... on Foreign Policy ...*(Interruptions)*... They have not given a statement. ...*(Interruptions)*...